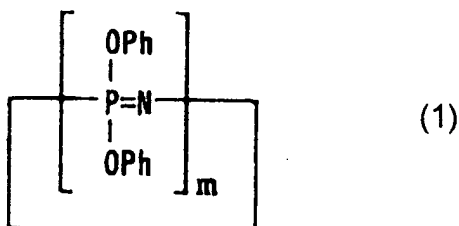


# AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

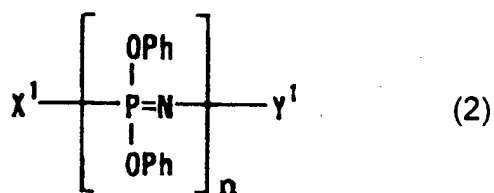
1. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant resin composition which comprises a flame retardant comprising a phosphazene compound and a phenolic resin, and a polyalkylene terephthalate resin, wherein the phosphazene compound comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of:

(1) a cyclic phenoxyphosphazene compound of the formula



wherein m is an integer of 3 to 25, and Ph denotes a phenyl group,

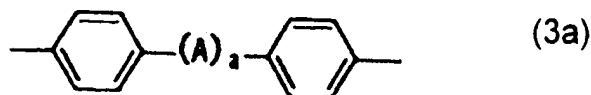
(2) a linear phenoxyphosphazene compound of the formula



wherein X represents the group  $-\text{N}=\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$  or the group  $-\text{N}=\text{P}(\text{O})\text{OPh}$ ;  $Y^1$  represents the group  $-\text{P}(\text{OPh})_4$  or the group  $-\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OPh})_2$ ; n is an integer of 3 to 10,000; and Ph has the same meaning as defined in the formula (1), and

(3) a crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound which is formed by crosslinking at least one phenoxyphosphazene compound selected from the group consisting of the cyclic phenoxyphosphazene compound (1) and the linear

phenoxyphosphazene compound (2) with at least one crosslinking group selected from the group consisting of o-phenylene group, m-phenylene group, p-phenylene group, and a bisphenylene group shown by the formula (3a):



wherein A represents  $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2-$ ,  $-\text{S}-$  or  $-\text{O}-$ , and a denotes 0 or 1, and wherein the proportion of the crosslinking group in the cross linked phenoxyphosphazene compound is is in terms of phenyl group, 0.1 to 50 mol% relative to the total phenyl groups in the phenoxyphosphazene compounds (1) and (2), and wherein the flame retardant comprises a weight ratio of the phosphazene compound to the phenolic resin of from 5/95 to 95/5.

2. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polyalkylene terephthalate resin comprises a polyethylene terephthalate resin or a polybutylene terephthalate resin.

3. (Original) A resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the phenolic resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenol-novolak resin, a phenol-aralkyl resin and a polyvinylphenolic resin.

4. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the phenol-aralkyl resin comprises a reaction product of a phenol and an aralkyl compound, and the polyvinyl phenolic resin comprises a homopolymer of a polyvinylphenol or a copolymer of a polyvinyl phenol and a copolymerizable monomer.

5. (Previously Presented) A resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the phenol-novolak resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of (a) a random phenol-novolak resin, (b) a high-ortho phenol-novolak resin,

(c) a triazine-modified phenol novolak resin and (d) a phenol-novolak resin containing a free monomer component and/or a dimer component in small amounts.

6. (Previously Presented) A resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the phenol-novolak resin comprises a phenol-novolak resin in which the total amount of a free monomer component and a dimer component is not more than 20 % by weight relative to the whole resin.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A resin ~~re-sin~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of the flame retardant is 1 to 100 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyalkylene terephthalate resin.

9. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant resin composition which comprises a flame retardant comprising a phenolic resin and a phosphazene compound recited in Claim 1, and a polyalkylene terephthalate resin, wherein the phenolic resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenol-novolak resin, a phenol-aralkyl resin and ~~and~~ a polyvinylphenolic resin, the flame retardant comprises the phosphazene compound and the phenolic resin in a weight ratio of the former/the latter of from 20/80 to 80/20, and the amount of the flame retardant is 5 to 90 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyalkylene terephthalate resin.

10. (Previously Presented) A resin composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a nitrogen-containing flame retardant, a phosphate flame retardant and a carbonizable resin.

11. (Previously Presented) A resin composition according to Claim 10, wherein the nitrogen-containing flame retardant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an aminotriazine, a melamine condensate, a cyanurate of an aminotriazine, and a salt of a pyrophosphoric acid or a polyphosphoric acid with a triazine derivative, wherein the salt of pyrophosphoric acid or polyphosphoric

acid is a melamine gall:, a melam salt, a melem salt, or a melamine - melam - melem complex salt.

12. (Previously Presented) A resin composition according to Claim 10, wherein the phosphate flame retardant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phosphate acid and a polyphosphate.

13. (Previously Presented) A resin composition according to Claim 10, wherein the carbonizable resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a polycarbonate resin, a polyarylate resin, an aromatic epoxy resin, a polyphenylene oxide resin and a polyphenylene sulfide resin.

14. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, a thermal stabilizer, a drip inhibitor and a filler.

15 (Previously Presented). A process for producing the flame-retardant resin composition, which comprises mixing a polyalkylene terephthalate resin and a flame retardant recited in Claim 1.

16. (Original) A molded article formed with a flame-retardant resin composition recited in claim 1.